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SUBJECT: FONMIN ALLON COMMENT RE HIS US VISIT

1. AFTER MEETING WITH FONMIN TODAY ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I REMARKED ON NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS(SEPTEL) THAT HIS WOULD BE MAINLY A "LISTENING BRIEF" ON FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. NEWSPAPER HAD REPORTED THAT CABINET HAD GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO VISIT BUT HAD REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSING ISSUES FONMIN WOULD LIKELY EXAMINE WITH SECRETARY, PRESS REPORTS WERE EXPLICIT, THOUGH THAT ALLON WOULD WANT TO LEARN US ASSESSMENT OF CHANCES OF PROGRESS TOWARDS SECOND STAGE WITH EGYPT.

2. ALLON SAID THAT REQUIREMENT TO SAY SOMETHING PUBLICLY ABOUT HIS TRIP PUT HIM IN SOMETHING OF A DILEMMA. HE WAS CONSCIOUS, HE SAID, THAT THIS TRIP MIGHT BE "MOST SERIOUS ONE I HAVE EVER MADE TO US." HE HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND SECRETARY'S DESIRE THAT A LOW PROFILE BE KEPT ON PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER STEPS WITH EGYPT. HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT HE GO WITH AS FREE A HAND FROM CABINET AS POSSIBLE AND HE BELIEVED THT THE HAD RECEIVED FROM CABINET A GREEN LIGHT FREELY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND TO REPORT BACK WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION. CONSEQUENTLY, WORDING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET APPROVAL HAD BEEN CAREFULLY WORKED OUT TO TRY TO LIMIT PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND SPECULATION. ALLON TOLD ME THERE WAS BOUND TO BE FURTHER PRESS INTEREST,BUT

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THAT HE INTENDED TO STICK FIRMLY TO LINE HE HAD ADOTPED. I COMPLIMENT-

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HIM ON THE WAY HE HAD HANDLED IT AND THE LOW-KEY MANNER HE HAD
ASSUMED WHICH, I FELT SURE, WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY SECRETARY.

3. COMMENT: ALLON WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TRYING TO KEEP LID ON
PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT HIS TRIP, BUT THIS MAY BE ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE TASK IN VIEW OF HIGH INTEREST AND HOT HOUSE
ATMOSPHERE HERE.
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